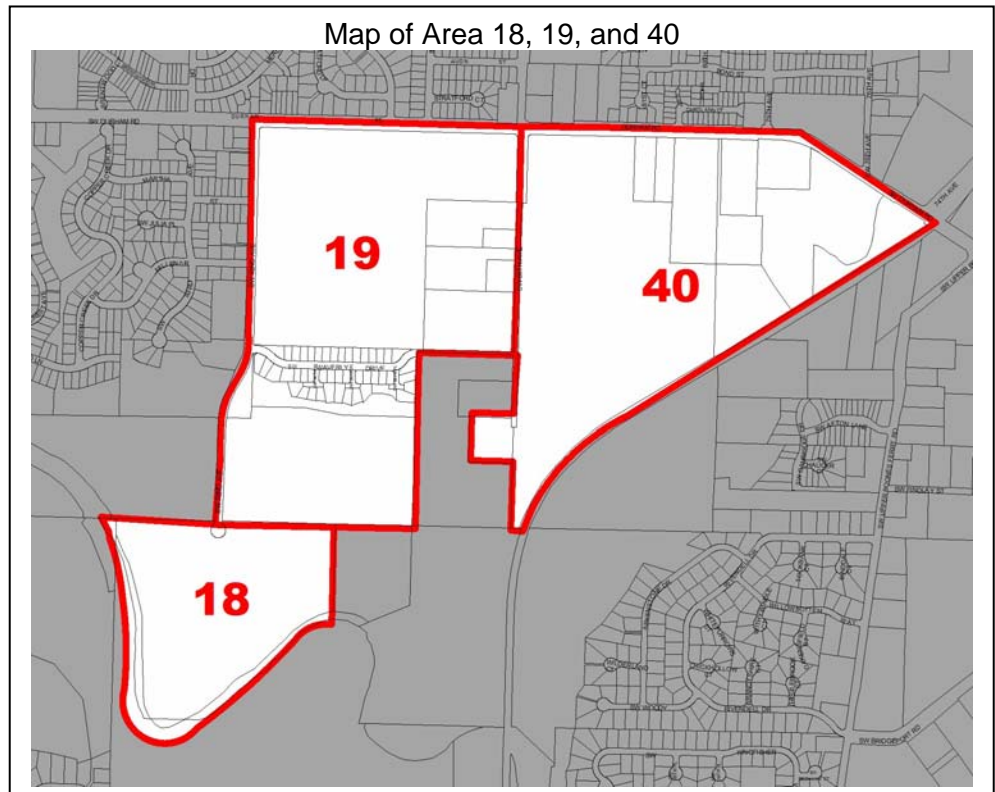


## Community Assessment Program Areas 18, 19 and 40 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on May 21, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 18, 19 and Area 18 covers a large portion of Cook Park, beginning at the southerly boundary of the parking lots and proceeding south through the park. Area 19 begins at the southerly boundary of the parking lots and proceeds north to Durham Road. The area is bounded on the north by Durham Road, on the west by 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and on the east by 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It includes the parking lots and athletic fields associated with Cook Park, Tigard High School, and the Waverly Subdivision. Area 40 is bounded on the north by Durham Road, on the west by 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and on the east by the railroad tracks.



Below is a summary of the assessment of this area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

**Kudos** – There were lots of nice comments about wonderful landscaping.

**Storm drain stenciling** – Some of the storm drains in the area are not stenciled to discourage dumping. The city's volunteer coordinator has added storm drain stenciling in this area to the potential volunteer project list. If you're interested in helping out, contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Addresses not visible** – There were several homes in the area with addresses that are not visible. It's important that emergency responders find you if they need to. Make sure your home or business is well marked with address numbers that contrasts from the building color. Questions? Contact Jim Wolf, Police Public Information Officer, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2561 or [27047@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:27047@ci.tigard.or.us)

**Trip Hazards on sidewalks** – Sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. There were several areas with cracks, settling etc in the sidewalk that could pose a trip hazard and could be

a potential liability for property owners. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Overgrown vegetation on private property** – Did you know that any grass over 10 inches tall is considered noxious vegetation and a violation of city code? There were a few comments that grass is beginning to get high on several properties in this area. Make sure to stay on top of the mowing as the warmer weather gets here. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us)

**Basketball hoops in right-of-way** – We found several instances where basketball hoops are on sidewalks or street which are in the public right-of-way. Did you know that basketball hoops aren't allowed in the public right-of-way? An article detailing the rules for placement of basketball hoops will appear in the May Cityscape. Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Graffiti** – Several instances of graffiti were noticed in this area. The reports have been forwarded to the Police department for follow-up action, which includes photographing the graffiti for record and notifying the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop). If you spot graffiti or have questions contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location

**Touch-up painting** - Several comments were made about needed touch-up painting on curbs, speed bumps and cross walks. The Public Works Department has been forwarded the comments and locations and will include these in future painting projects. For more information, contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or [howard@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:howard@ci.tigard.or.us).

More ways you can help make our community better –

**Neighborhood Watch** - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

**Help protect our streams** - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The "dump no waste, drains to stream" message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us). The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.